

STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES

Architect / Engineer Procurement Process

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subs. 6), described briefly here.

- 1.) The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
- 2.) Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
- 3.) The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
- 4.) The Selection Committee interviews the firms.
- 5.) The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
- 6.) A BGS Professional Services Agreement is drafted.
- 7.) An insurance certificate and approved agreement is required before work commences.



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Notice to Architects and Engineers Request for Qualifications

The Bureau of General Service wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the **Partial Renovation of the Engineering Building** at the East Campus in Augusta, Maine.

The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to, building envelope evaluation, structural evaluation, code compliance review, electrical, plumbing and mechanical system upgrades, building automation control systems, fire suppression/fire alarm system upgrades, space planning, interior finishes, energy conservation strategies, conceptual design, design development, contract documents and construction administration. The project involves the renovation of approximately 14,000 square feet of existing vacant space that has been abated and gutted to remaining wood studs to provide new function and office spaces to meet program to be determined.

Responses to this RFQ should highlight the firm's recent completed renovation experience with similar type facilities. The firm may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

Interested firms should submit *five* paper copies and one electronic copy of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes the firm's:

- A. qualifications to undertake this project;
- B. experience with budgets and project cost control, with some results of the firm's activities;
- C. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities;
- D. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
- E. profiles of key personnel who will be involved in the project;
- F. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project; and
- G. list of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

The *paper copies* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to David Schoenherr, Project Manager, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, 4th Floor, Augusta Me 04333 so as to be received not later than **1:00** PM on **30 Dec 2014**. The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to BGS.Architect@Maine.gov so as to meet the deadline noted above.



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Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project will not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.